



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative®

Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training program

2016 Spring Course Registration Form

SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE! www.sfiopa.org/register

- Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferrable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Your space in a course will not be reserved until the registration fee is paid. Please do not delay in making payment or your space could be given to another participant.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)				
Home Mailing Address:				
Home or Cell Phone: () _____ - _____				
Email:				
Occupation (circle one): • Forester • Logger-owner • Logger-employee • Landowner • Office personnel • Truck driver • Other _____	Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 211 Barrington Lane Bellefonte, PA 16823		Total Amount Enclosed:	

2016 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed within 2 years.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** - Part one focuses on recognizing and negating hazards that timber harvesting operations encounter daily. It includes modules covering chainsaw safety, equipment safety, truck safety and an overview of OSHA regulations applicable to logging. Part two focuses on the Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plan required by Chapter 102, understanding Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Laws, permits a logger may need when working near streams and wetlands, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the importance of planning, job layout, and harvesting aesthetics. DOES NOT COUNT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT.
- **Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)** - Focuses on introducing the participant to the "open face" felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength. Participants need safety equipment (hard hat, chaps, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots), water, lunch, and should be prepared to spend the day outside (rain or shine). Participants are not required to provide their own chainsaw. If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 within the last five (5) years, you can attend GOL-1 for continuing education credit.
- **First Aid & CPR (4 hours)** - The focus of this program is on First Aid and Adult CPR training that meets OSHA Logging requirements and American Red Cross (or equivalent) certification. Training can also be taken locally through your Fire Department, EMS, Hospital, etc. Online courses are not accepted. DOES NOT COUNT FOR CE CREDIT.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of CE training completed. CE credits can only extend your card date a maximum of three (3) years from the current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- **Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)** - Successful business management is fundamental to a successful logging operation. Participants are introduced to the preparation of business plans, documents used for financial analysis, key people, sources of assistance, employee management, and other components of running a successful business. This is a great class for new loggers starting their own business or established loggers looking for a refresher.
- **Erosion Control In Our Forests (8 hours)** - This workshop combines indoor and outdoor instruction time to discuss Pennsylvania's regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest. Participants must register for this training through the Potter County Conservation District (814) 274-8411 ext. 4
- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. They MUST be taken in order. **Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling. **Level 3** focuses on handling difficult trees. Topics covered include limbing, wedging techniques and hinge placement. Refer to Level 1 description under Core Training for additional details.
- **Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)** - This hands-on course will introduce participants to the theory of hydraulic operation, nomenclature and function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of hydraulic systems.
- **Kane Area Logger Safety Meeting (4 hours)** – Steve Bick, a consulting forester and principal in Northeast Forests, LLC, will be presenting "*Logging Costs and Financial Measurements*" to help loggers understand costs and improve the management of their businesses. The meeting, which includes a free dinner, will include a number of updates as well as a presentation on emerald ash borer (EAB) and the safety concerns it poses to loggers. Participants must attend both the afternoon training and the evening meeting to receive PA SFI CE credits.
- **Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)** – This course covers various aspects of dealing with outdoor survival situations. A major emphasis is placed on being prepared for unexpected emergencies and preventing hypothermia. Items to have with you, compass and map skills, and shelter/fire building techniques are among the many aspects discussed in detail. Hands on experience is provided to all participants in compass/map and fire building exercises.
- **Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)** - How do you know that a timber harvest is "sustainable?" What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? This course covers the elements of sustainable harvesting practices and how to assess a stand. It focuses on the forest that remains as a result of the harvest.
- **The Relationship Between Lumber, Tree, and Log Grades (8 hours)** - This course will introduce basic knowledge about hardwood lumber grades, tree grades, and log grades. It will explain how the different grades are established and will provide an understanding of how the tree, lumber, and log grades affect each other.
- **Vernal Pool Ecology & Management (4 hours)** – This course will introduce participants to vernal pools, how to recognize them, and their importance. It will also cover wetland regulations and how they relate to vernal pools, and BMPs for operating around vernal pools. Participants will also observe vernal pools in the field.

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To avoid course cancellations, pre-registration and payment for all classes is required by the registration deadline. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis

CORE TRAINING :

Individuals must complete *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials*, *Game of Logging - Level 1*, and provide proof of current *First Aid & CPR* certification within a 2-year period to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiopa.org/requirements.

- *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and Basic First Aid & Adult CPR do NOT qualify for continuing education credit*
- *If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 in the last 5 years, you can attend GOL-1 for CE Credit*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ❖	Register By	
03/23/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Mercer	\$ 85.00	03/16/16
03/30/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Spring Grove	\$ 85.00	03/23/16
03/30/16	Wed	9:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport	\$ 50.00	03/23/16
04/01/16	Fri	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Hanover	\$ 50.00	03/25/16
04/07/16	Thurs	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Hereford	\$ 95.00	03/31/16
04/08/16	Fri	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Hereford	\$ 95.00	04/01/16
04/08/16	Fri	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Hanover	\$ 50.00	04/01/16
04/12/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 95.00	04/05/16
04/13/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 85.00	04/06/16
04/20/16	Wed	9:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 50.00	04/13/16
04/26/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Titusville	\$ 95.00	04/19/16
05/03/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	04/26/16
05/04/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 85.00	04/27/16
05/10/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Noxen	\$ 95.00	05/03/16
05/14/16	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Mehoopany	\$ 85.00	05/07/16
05/17/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 95.00	05/10/16
05/18/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 85.00	05/11/16

- ❖ Employees insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the registration fee for GOL classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.
- ❖ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

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03/24/16	Thurs	8:30 a.m.	Vernal Pool Ecology & Management (4 hours)	Fayetteville	\$ 40.00	03/17/16
04/05/16	Tues	1:00 p.m.	Kane Area Logger Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 20.00	03/29/16
04/13/16	Wed	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 95.00	04/06/16
04/19/16	Tues	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 95.00	04/12/16
04/21/16	Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)	Ulysses (PA Lumber Museum)	COST IS \$15/PERSON. REGISTER WITH POTTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY April 11 – (814) 274-8411 ext. 4 ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
04/22/16	Fri	8:00 a.m.	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Spring Grove	\$ 40.00	04/15/16
04/23/16	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery	\$ 75.00	04/16/16
04/28/16	Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Clarion	\$ 50.00	04/21/16
05/04/16	Wed	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	04/27/16
05/07/16	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery	\$ 75.00	04/30/16
05/11/16	Wed	8:00 a.m.	PA Wildlife (4 hours)	Reading	\$ 50.00	05/04/16
05/12/16	Thurs	8:00 a.m.	The Relationship Between Lumber, Tree, and Log Grades (8 hours)	Mt. Pleasant Mills	\$ 40.00	05/05/16
05/17/16	Tues	8:00 a.m.	Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)	Laporte	\$ 40.00	05/10/16
05/18/16	Wed	7:30 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 95.00	05/11/16

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OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING:

Additional training opportunities are available through numerous organizations across Pennsylvania and in adjoining states. Training courses taken from other sources may qualify for PA SFI continuing education credit, provided the subject of the course is relevant to the SFI program, and if some legitimate form of documentation is provided to the PA SIC office for proof of content and attendance. To submit Non-PA SFI training credits please fill out a copy of the Non-PA SFI Course Credit Form (available on our website under "Forms" section or by contacting the PA SIC office) and send it to the PA SIC office with all necessary paperwork and a check for \$20 made payable to the "PA SFI Implementation Committee" for administrative costs. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements.

The PA SIC maintains a listing of all pre-approved Non-PA SFI CE training courses that we have been made aware of. It can be found on our website: **visit <http://sfiopa.blogspot.com>**

Visit www.sfiopa.org for additional details and the most current training schedule. Programs may be added or cancelled at any time.
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